

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from all of us...
to all of you!

HIGHLANDS

EXPRESS

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight
Gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest-fence
By Saint Agnes' Fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, my good page
Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall,
With the poor, and mean, and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms He lay
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

MERRY

CHRISTMAS



The Coventry Carol

Lul-lay Thou little-tiny Child,
Bye, bye, lul-ly, lul-lay,
Bye, bye, lul-ly, lul-lay.

O sisters, too, now may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom
we sing?
Bye, bye, lul-ly, lul-lay.

Herod, the King, in his raging,
Charged he hath this day,
His men of might, in his own right,
All children young to stay.

Then woe is me, poor Child,
For Thee, and ever mourn and say,
For Thy parting nor say nor sing,
Bye, bye, lul-ly, lul-lay.

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in
field as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-
keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that
was so deep.

Refrain:
Noel, Neol Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Isreal.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day



"Hello" at Christmas

Our Yuletide Greetings tree is
trimmed with the season's
wishes, and our words of thanks.

John Jr., Linda, Rod, John & Judy

Minden Home Hardware

Christmas Greetings

May sleighbells, laughter
and the splendor
of a snowy countryside
bring you happy joys and
a memorable Christmas.

From Council and Staff of
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With a little help from our
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From our hearts... "Happy Holidays, Thanks."

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GREETINGS

As the children
nestle down to
Christmas dreams,
we extend
happy wishes to
you and your family.

HIGHLANDS PLUMBING
Jack, Chuck, John and Jan

Festive Christmas Alphabet of Wonderful Gift Ideas...

In a quandry about what to give Aunt Millie this year? Or your husband's secretary?

Christmas shopping can be fun and much less exhausting if you know in advance pretty much what you want to give each one on that long list.

This alphabet of presents was designed to help you make your selections and save time and legwork. Have a happy shopping spree!

A Automatic electric blanket, after-ski boots, American Indian silver jewelry, art supplies kit, atlas of the world.

B Battery-powered grass shears, backgammon set, bubble-bath ensemble, bowling ball or basketball, books, bud vase, brandy snifters.

C Camera and accessories, circular saw, calculator, compass, ceramic baking dish with silver-plated holder, crystal bowl or figurine.

D Digital watch, diamond heart pendant, decorated porcelain or silver thimble, down-filled parka, doll, dart board.

E Enamelled compact or cigarette case, electronic system camera, erector set, evening bag, eyeglass caddy, electric crepe maker.

F Frames, fur accessories, foam-filled blocks for small fry, field glasses, figure skates, finger paints, fishing gear, filmy nightgown, fruit cake, fragrance set.

G Golf clubs, gourmet foods basket, glass candle holders with

scented candles, greenhouse windows, glamorous caftan, gold mesh or chain necklace, gingerbread.

H Hand puppets, hiking boots, home movie camera, hockey stick, historical novel, hobby horse, homemade cookies.

I Ice boat, identification tag chain necklace, incense burner, Indian arts and crafts, ivory bracelet, Italian cook book, information games, ice bucket and tongs.

J Jewelry box, jam pots in colorful pottery, Jacuzzi portable whirlpool bath, jack-in-the-box, jade charm pendant, Japanese bonsai plant, jigsaw puzzle.

K Keyboard organ, key ring with monogrammed disc, kitchen utensils tied with a big bow, kite kit.

L Leather card case, lounging robe, luggage, lady-doctor doll kit, lacy lingerie, lavender sachet, lebkuchen Christmas cookies.

M Marvelous mink coat, magazine rack, monogrammed tennis balls, microwave oven, makeup brushes in their own holder, magnetic scrabble travel set, museum membership, monogrammed stationery, music box, miniature cars.

N Needlepoint kit, napkin rings, nut dish in silver, notepad, nightshirt, news magazine subscription.

O Old time telephone, Oriental rug, oversized coffee cups or mugs, orchid plant, outboard motor, ocarina.

P Portable TV, pinball game, photo album, painting, personal sauna, pen and pencil set, planters, pomander balls, punch bowl set, push-pull toys.

Q Quartz clock, quiche pan with recipes, quoits, quill pen in antique holder, quilting kit, quart size thermos decorated with tennis ball designs, quiz games.

R Raggedy Ann doll, relish server, rain scarf, rug making kit, rattan hanging chair for in or out-of-doors, recording of favorite musical artists, rectangular magnifying glass with handle, roller skates, rock sculpture kit.

S Silver cake server, soft stuffed animals, sewing machine, squash racket, seashell Christmas tree decorations, soldering gun kit, slide projector, sno-mobile.

T Toy calculator that teaches adding and subtracting, tea cart for serving, tankards for Yuletide grog, tennis gear, typewriter, terrarium.

U Umbrella, underwater camera equipment, upright piano, underwear.

V Vinyl slicker for the rain, velvet evening bag, V-neck pull-over, vegetarian cook book, vanity case for travel, velour terry robe, Venetian glass vase or bowl.

W Warm-up suit for jogger or tennis buff, wine rack, write-in-the-dark pen with built in flashlight, wok, water-skis.

X Xylophone kit, x-tra special treats, x-otic soap.

Y Yardstick in clear lucite, yacht chair with canvas seat.

Z Zoris (Japanese thong sandals), zippered golf jacket, zebra striped rug, zoology book.

There it is...from A to Z!



Christmas means most
at home and hearthside. Thanks
for letting us help make yours beautiful.

Management and Staff of

**BLACK'S
HARDWARE**




Merry Christmas

Santa's making his
route to specially
deliver bundles of
holiday cheer to you!

from PAUL and GWEN of
Happy Holiday Grocery
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Merry Christmas

We're wishing that
you'll enjoy warmth
and peace at your
hearthside this
Christmas. It's our way of
saying thank you for a
truly fine relationship.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

To all amigos and amigas, we
render heartfelt appreciation this season
for the loyal patronage shown to us.

Management and Staff of
BENNETT MOTORS
Hwy. 121, Haliburton



The festive warmth of a Cranberry Cocktail punch makes a colorful centre piece for sideboard or table.

A seasonal punch to warm the eye and palate

Dickens would have loved it. Cranberries have made their way from the turkey plate to the punch bowl, providing a festive red, flavoursome drink that warms the eye and soothes the palate.

The modern host or hostess will love it because it is quick and easy to prepare and provides the cup that cheers without having to run to the bank for a loan.

by
Dávid Young

Traditionally, red and green are the colors of Christmas,

and a punch made with Ocean Spray Cranberry Cocktail can serve as the focal point of your sideboard or table setting.

Use a large glass or crystal fruit bowl or you can buy a punch bowl, complete with cups, for a few dollars, and it will be money well spent. Punches can be party savers at all seasons.

Use the bowl as a centre piece with some of your Christmas fruit, a bowl of nuts, candle sticks, a table decoration, and some of your own home-baked cookies. And then, of course, make the

punch. Its glowing red color will complete the picture.

There are innumerable possibilities, using Cranberry Cocktail or Cranapple* Cranberry-Apple Drink as a base, and you may like to experiment with your own mix.

The tart-sweet flavour of Cranberry Cocktail also makes it ideal for non-alcoholic punches.

Overall Dickens, Mr. Pickwick and Scrooge would have relished the festive color, flavour and aroma of a Cranberry based punch and might have said of one who served it:

"That he knew how to keep Christmas well,
If any man alive possessed the knowledge.
May that be truly said of us,
and all of us."

(A Christmas Carol,
December 1843)

Here are two of my favorite punches, one cold and one hot: —

Christmas cranberry cobbler

- 1 14 oz. can black cherries, drained
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 341 ml bottle cherry whiskey
- 1 bottle (40 fl. oz. 1.14L) Ocean Spray* Cranberry Cocktail, chilled
- 1 750 ml bottle soda water (or to taste), chilled

Place cherries in bowl, sprinkle with sugar. Add cherry whiskey and let stand 1 hour. Chill. Stir in Cranberry Cocktail. Pour over ice, add soda water. Makes 18 - 4 oz servings.

Hot cranberry apple cider

- 1 bottle (40 fl. oz. 1.14L) Ocean Spray* Cranapple* Cranberry-Apple Drink
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2-1/2 strips orange and lemon peel
- 3 whole cloves
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 2 apples, cored, peeled and cut in rings
- 1 cup rye, rum or brandy (optional)

Place all ingredients except liquor in a large pot. Bring just to a boil. Lower heat, simmer 20 minutes. Add liquor. Makes 12 - 4 oz. servings.

If you would like some more year-round punch recipes, write to me at: "Recipes", Suite 510, 1300 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1X3

Greetings of the Holy Season

May the many blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and happiness.

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Please Note our new phone number, 457-1633

Joy, Peace at Christmas

It's a beautiful season, abounding with deep spiritual warmth. Let's pause to honor and praise Him.
Gordon & Donna Monk & family & staff

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"Hark the herald angels sing.
Glory to the New Born King."
May the wonder of Christmas be shared by all.

I would like to thank you for your patronage and wish you a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year.

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Merry Christmas

TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM

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PEACE

With deep sincerity, we send Christmas greetings and best wishes to all.

Management & Staff
**CARNARVON
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Elaine & Don Blakey

Season's Greetings

from Steve, Paul and staff of

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MINDEN — ONTARIO

Your Headquarters in Haliburton County

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A Peaceful Christmas

May the wisdom and love of the Three Kings fill you with the true meaning of Christmas.

The Corner Store
MINDEN

Santa Remembers Southpaws

Many designers are creating accessories and tools for left handed people. Increasingly aware of the problems southpaws encounter daily in a right handed world, they've come up with some special, new items. Keep these in mind for gifts... your left handed friends will love you!

Books are available for "lefties" who want to learn to knit, play the guitar or become adept at calligraphy. There's even a book just about southpaws! You'll find special scissors, left handed jar and can openers, pocket knives, address books and brushes for pet grooming, too!

Have a fire-safe Christmas

Christmas is one of the most exciting and enjoyable times of the year. It's a time for family, friends and traditions. It's also a time when tragedy, if it strikes, hits all that much deeper.

Safety in the workplace is a major part of your waking day but what about when you're at home? There's no better time to think safety in the home than during this Yuletide season.

Enjoying a care-free Christmas is just a matter of common sense, according to Bruce Kerr, a fire prevention officer in Richmond Hill, Ont. Whether it's a traditional or more contemporary Christmas that you've got planned, there are some simple safety steps.

Most artificial trees are "relatively safe" according to Kerr, but if you're inclined to cut your own or want to choose from a lot, there are some points to watch for.

Any natural tree should be "fresh-cut with a high moisture content", Kerr stressed. To determine the moisture content, bend a needle gently into an arc. If it doesn't break, "you can be pretty sure it's relatively new cut".

If the tree isn't going to be set up and decorated immediately, store it outdoors in the garage or backyard. Apartment dwellers could even leave the tree on a balcony, but should check to see if their building permits natural trees.

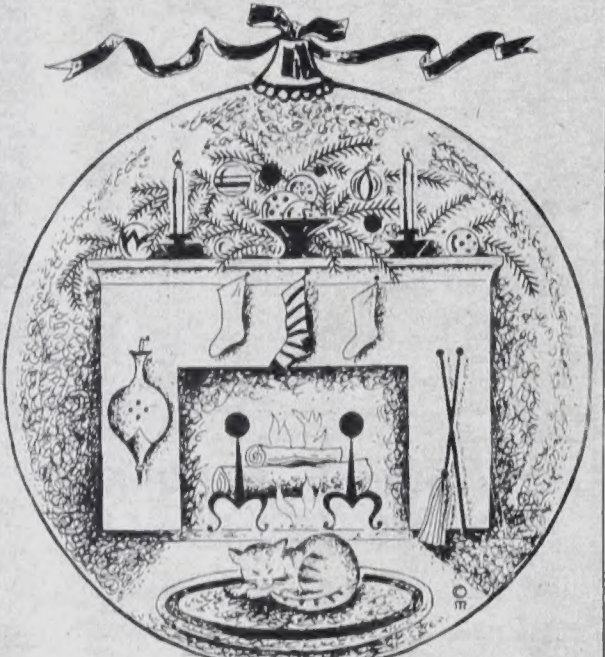
To properly display the tree, make a diagonal cut at least 50.8 millimetres (two inches) from the butt so the tree can soak up moisture. That moisture should be provided by a container that's filled daily. The tree itself should be securely anchored in an area that's clear of any heat source.

Lights used on the trees should be on a 15-amp circuit, must be Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved and should be checked regularly for any sign of fraying. The lights should be replaced if there's any sign of damage. With the relatively low cost of Christmas lights, it's not worth attempting home repairs, no matter how skilled the handyman. Besides, said Kerr, an important element is lost if the lights are repaired rather than replaced. "If you do any repairs on them, you destroy CSA approval."

When it comes to other Christmas items, fire-proof is the watchword. Artificial snow should be asbestos, glass wool or other non-combustible material. Even streamers used to add a festive flavour to the house should be made of fire-retardant material.

On the big day, dispose of all paper as soon as gifts are unwrapped. After Christmas has passed, dispose of the tree as quickly as possible and, to store lights, remove all bulbs, wrap in tissue paper and wind the cord loosely.

Most of all, concluded Kerr in a philosophy that's echoed by the Construction Safety Association of Ontario, "have a fire-safe Christmas".



Warm Christmas Wishes

A cozy setting makes home the place for every heart during the Christmas season.

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PEACE



With deep sincerity, we send Christmas greetings and best wishes to all.

— Staff of
Elstone Motors
Haliburton



It came upon a midnight clear... as angels' voices heralded the birth of our dear Saviour. Let us rejoice.



Hillside Pro Hardware



New Year's Resolution Recipes

After a month, or was that a year, of good living and good eating you have made a New Year's resolution to eliminate those few extra pounds that seem to have accumulated — in the wrong places.

Here are two "light" lunch ideas that may help in the battle of the bulge.

CRISPY COTTAGE CHEESE

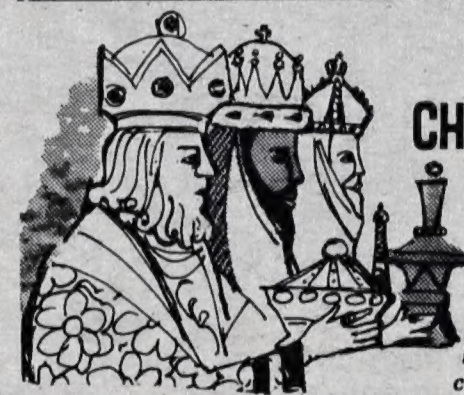
1 cup Nordica cottage cheese
½ cup coarsely chopped spinach
½ cup chopped green pepper

¾ cup sliced radishes
1 tbsp. chopped chives
1 hard boiled egg, sliced
2 stalks celery, cut into sticks

Combine Nordica cottage cheese, spinach, pepper, radishes and chives; place in bowl and top with egg slices. Serve with celery sticks.

YOGURT A LA SWISS

Pure, wholesome Gay Lea swiss style yogurt. Why not try Gay Lea swiss style yogurt mixed with your favorite fruit for lunch.



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Tidings of good will and good cheer, too; coming your way

with our sincere wishes for a memorable Christmas.

Don Barker Heating
DON and ANN



Tidings of Gladness and Joy

May the spiritual joy of the Holy Season reside in your hearts and bring you outward happiness, inner contentment.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
Welch's FOODTOWN Market
MAPLE LAKE

First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "choraules" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

DANCE CAROLS — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

SHEPHERD CAROLS, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known

today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

LULLABY CAROLS were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lulling rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child Is This?" which was sung to the 16th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

CAROLS OF THE MAGI — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

NATIVITY CAROLS — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during the 5th century, when Christmas was fully established as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

LEGENDARY CAROLS spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at



it's Christmas!

We're chirping out happy holiday notes to greet you and wish you merriment.

BROHM'S VARIETY & STAFF



for Auld Lang Syne

To all our friends and neighbors we sing a joyful carol of holiday wishes... love, peace, happiness, and togetherness.

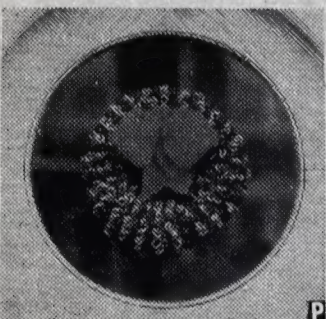
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MINDEN and HALIBURTON

Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia.



Fashion Fun

Christmas Greetings



With A and 9mm needles, cast on 12 sts.

1st row: Knit.

★ ★ 2nd row: With B, loop st to end of row.

3rd row: Knit.

4th row: With A, loop st to end of row.

5th row: Knit. ★ ★

Repeat from ★ ★ to ★ ★ carrying colour not in use loosely along edge of work until work measure 37½ ins (95 cm). Cast off.

BOW: (Make 2 bows if using both sides of wreath).

Loops: (Make 2). With C and 7½ mm needles, cast on 2 sts.

1st row: (right side) Purl.

2nd row: Inc 1 st in each st.

3rd row: Purl.

4th row: Inc 1 st in 1 st st. Knit to last st. Inc 1 st in last st. (6 sts on needle).

5th row: Purl.

6th row: Inc 1 st in each st to end of row. (12 sts on needle)

7th row: ★ K1, P1. Repeat from ★ to end of row.

8th row: ★ P1, K1. Repeat from ★ to end of row.

Make this Christmas merry, with this special holiday decoration from Patons and Baldwins.

MATERIALS: Beehive Craft Yarn (50 g): 3 balls A, 2 balls C. Two 9mm and two 7½ mm Milward knitting needles. One 12 inch (30 cm) styrofoam wreath.

Loop st = K1, wrapping yarn around needle and first 2 fingers of left hand twice, then around needle once. Slip these 3 loops just made back onto left hand needle and K4tog.

WREATH:

Repeat 7th and 8th rows until work measures 9½ ins (24 cm) from cast on edge, ending with wrong side facing.

Next row: K2tog across row. (6 sts on needle).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog, K2, K2tog.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K2tog) twice. Cast off.

Ribbon ends: (Make 1 short, 1 long). 1st point: ★ ★ With C and 7½ mm needles, cast on 1 st.

1st row: Knit.

2nd row: (K1, P1) in 1st st.

3rd row: P1, K1.

4th row: K1, (P1, K1) in last st

5th row: K1, P1, K1.

6th row: K1, Pa. (K1,P1) in last st.

Continue working in moss st, increasing 1 st at end of every alternate row to 6 st on needle. ★ ★ Slide these 6 sts o end of needle. Break yarn.

2nd point: Work from ★ ★ to ★ ★ as given for 1 st point, reversing increases.

Keeping continuity of moss st, work across the 2 points (12 sts on needle) until work measures 5 ins (13 cm) for short end and 7½ ins (19 cm) for long end.

Next row: (K3tog) 4 times. Break yarn and thread through remaining sts.

Knot band: With C and 7½ mm needles, cast on 5 sts.

Repeat this row until work measures 1½ ins (3 cm). Cast off.

TO MAKE UP: Sew cast on edge of wreath to cast off edge to form ring. Cover styrofoam wreath and sew seam.

Ribbon bow - Fold loops in half having cast on edge to cast off edge and sew two loops together. Place knot band over join and sew to loops. Attach ribbon ends to back of knot band. Attach to wreath as illustrated.

Canadian Home Sewing & Needlecraft Association



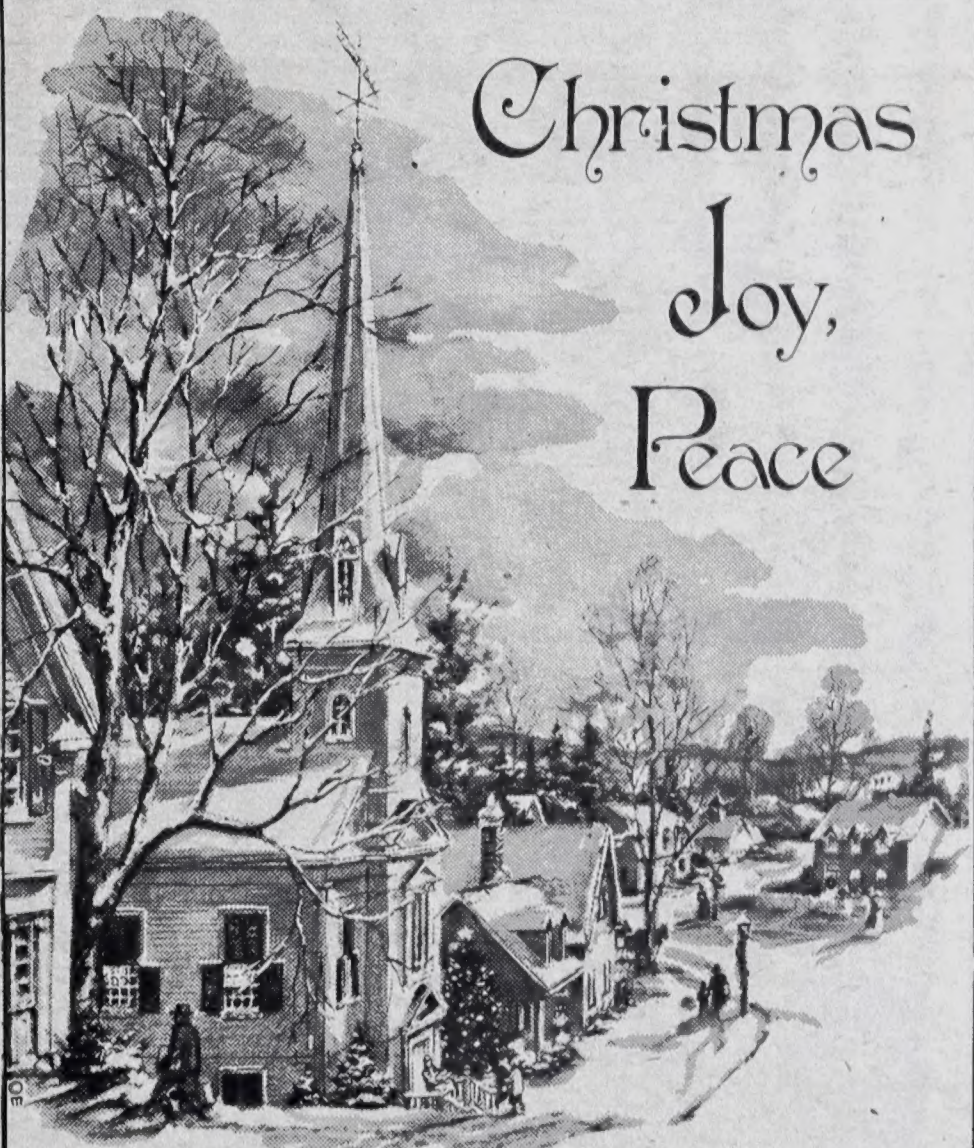
MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're dispensing hearty doses of good health, good times, and good cheer to our many friends. Your loyalty and trust are deeply appreciated.

PAUL, JANET and STAFF

Minden IDA Drug Store

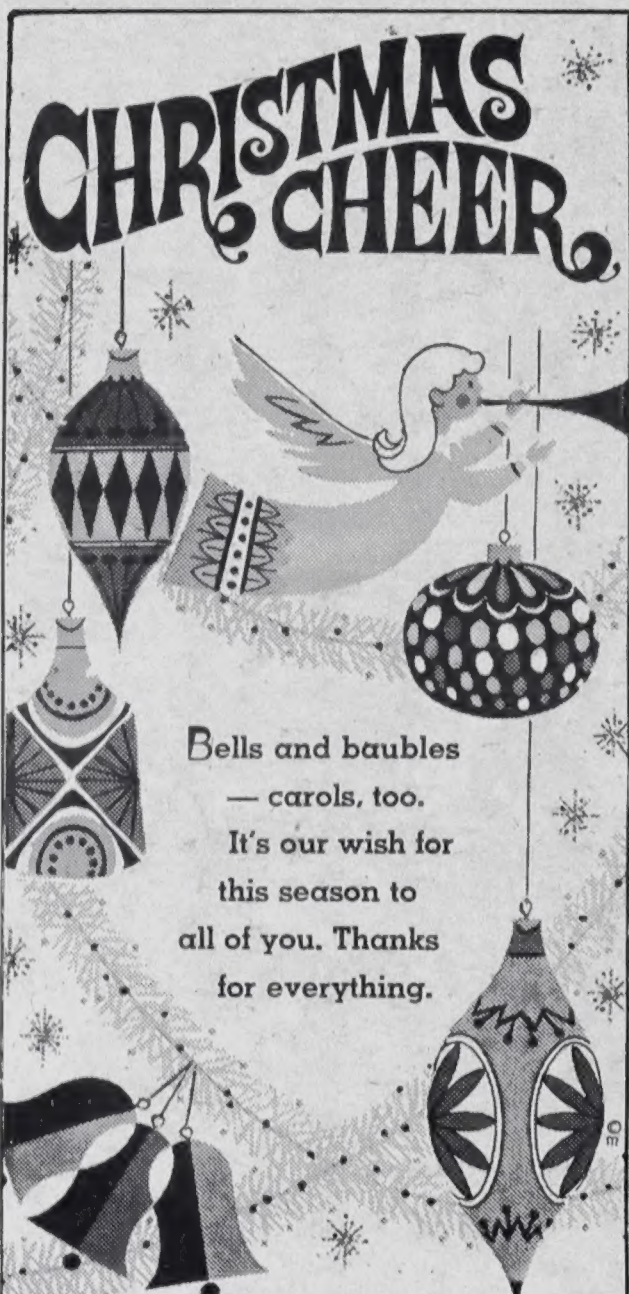
MINDEN



Christmas Joy, Peace

To all men of good will...to all our good friends...we send greetings for a happy holiday. We appreciate your loyal patronage.

Management and Staff of
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Bells and baubles
— carols, too.
It's our wish for
this season to
all of you. Thanks
for everything.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Pressure-cooked meals like these succulent ribs cooked with mincemeat can be valuable time-savers in the holiday season.

Pressure cooking — a seasonal time saver

With Christmas Day fast-approaching, the mad rush to entertain friends and relatives is on. And that means spending numerous hours in the kitchen preparing home-cooked favorites and other

treats for the holiday season. If you're looking to spend time with family and friends,

a little advanced planning will help. For example, quantity cook your Christmas cakes

by
Louise Belmont

and cookies or partially prepare casseroles and sauces several days in advance. To avoid last-minute panic scenes, freeze as much pre-cooked food as possible; most dishes retain their natural flavor even after being thawed.



Christmas Blessings

Away in a manger
...let's remember
Christ on His day.

Halls Lake Esso
& Communications
Dale & Carol MacDonald

And of course make full use of all your kitchen appliances: food processors, beverage brewers, even the electric can opener will save you precious time.

Another appliance you should add to your list of time-saving devices, is the pressure cooker. Though it's been with us for decades, the pressure cooker is a highly useful utensil for anyone with limited time for kitchen duty.

Because foods are cooked under pressure, heat is 'driven' into food and as a result, they require only one third the time to cook. As well, pressure-cooked foods retain their nutritive value since very little liquid or air is used in the cooking process.

If you want to give yourself a little more time use your pressure cooker.

Here's a holiday recipe, somewhat different from the usual seasonal fare, that can

be easily cooked in a matter of minutes:

Holiday spareribs

2-1/2 lbs. spareribs, cut into serving pieces
1 tablespoon shortening
1 cup prepared mincemeat
1 cup beef bouillon
2 tablespoons vinegar

Heat pressure cooker. Add shortening; brown ribs. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over ribs. Close cover securely. Place pressure regulator on vent pipe. Cook 15 minutes. Let pressure drop of its own accord. Thicken gravy, if desired. Garnish with colorful red pickled apple slices. 2 to 3 servings.

If you have a 6 litre pressure cooker and want to serve more people, you can increase the ingredients by one half.

If you would like some more recipes like this write to me at: PRESTO, Suite 510, 1300 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1X3

Season's Greetings!



BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Santa's got a bagful of happy
wishes for all of you.
And we'd like to join
in with our
thanks!

Season's Greetings from Mike and Clara Vuksic & Staff of

MIKE'S MILK, your Lottery Centre

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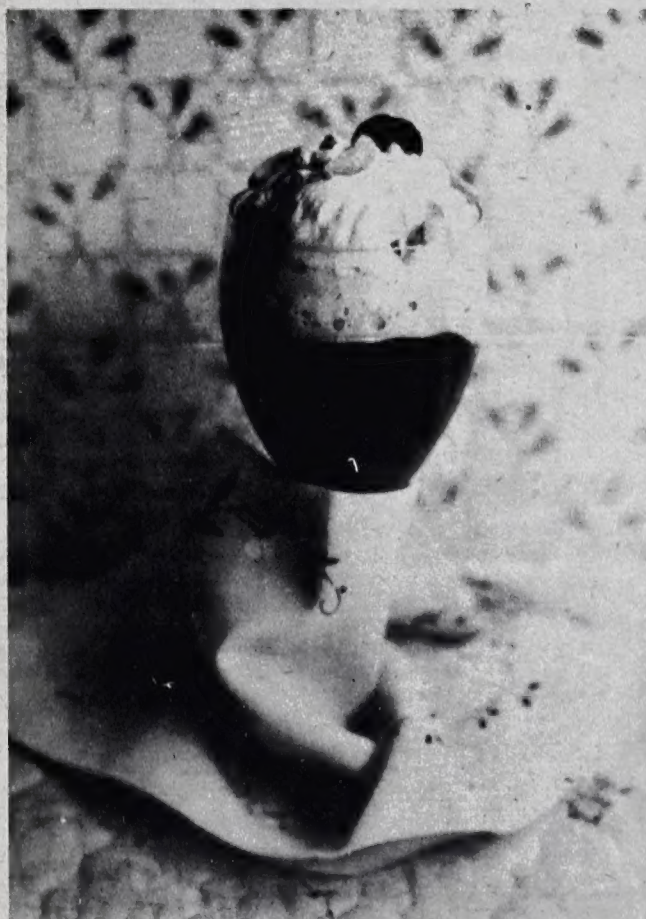
of the Season

Our carts are just brimming with lots of Christmas wishes... joy, peace, contentment, and a heartfelt thanks for your patronage.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the staff of

Four Seasons Store CARNARVON

Fred, Nancy, Dale and Joanne



Delights of the Season

No one needs an excuse to entertain but the month of December seems to provide opportunities for many planned and impromptu get-togethers. The following recipes are presented with minimum of preparation in mind and maximum satisfaction the result.

Let's start with the hors-d'oeuvres or something that will be appreciated while watching the Bowl games.

GOOD-TASTING AND GOOD-FOR-YOU DIP

Odds and ends in the refrigerator provide the inspiration for this surprisingly good dip. Vary vegetables to use those on hand, and season and flavor to taste.

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup mayonnaise or other thick salad dressing
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Gay Lea sour cream

2 or 3 tbsps. minced red onion
2 or 3 tbsps. chopped green onions with tops
2 or 3 tbsps. finely chopped celery
2 tbsps. chopped red or green pepper
Worcestershire sauce
Garlic salt
Onion salt

Combine ingredients well and refrigerate 30 minutes. Serve with potato chips or vegetable sticks. Makes about 2 cups.

And to end a perfect evening.

ALMOND COFFEE

Drop 2 whole toasted almonds into 6-oz. heat-proof glass. Fill half full with Reddi-Wip. Drizzle with 1 tbsp. Creme de Noyaux (almond liqueur). Add piping hot, fresh coffee to fill cup. Garnish with cherry and sliced almonds.

Don't Leave Christmas to Chance

As soon as they put away the elf costumes, and park the fairyland floats after the big Christmas Parades, the big stores begin to plan for the next year's parade. The countdown to the next Christmas begins that soon.

We all have an appointment with Christmas, and our personal countdown is underway. No other event in the year gets as much advance planning and effort. Like the parade planners, for some a year or more in advance is hardly enough. Each of us has a list of things to do, a schedule to meet, presents to buy, tree to get, baking to do, invitations and cards to send out. We have learned to leave little to chance when it comes to Christmas. Yet there is one thing that is often left to chance - the renewal of the Spirit of Christmas within us.

Actually, some feel that the renewal of the Christmas Spirit ought to be unplanned, a spontaneous thing, catching us unawares. Sometimes it happens that way. In the words, the pageantry, the colour, the message of Christmas touches the deep roots within us and warms our spirits. Inspired by the message of the Christ Child, we learn to care about others, we catch a vision of a peaceful world, a world where love reigns and people count. This vision renews us and enriches us. In the long run, these are the things that make Christmas important. The trees, the presents, the food, all that is just extra.

A young woman, by chance, found herself at a special Christmas Service. She left with a smile on her face and a tear in her eye. Until that moment, in spite of her preparations for Christmas, she hadn't felt the Christmas Spirit. Attending the service was a blessed accident.

It's a shame to plan everything and leave the renewal of the Spirit to chance. Each of us can plan to take time to get in touch with the real Christmas Spirit. Christmas is not about things, or even about what happened long ago. It about something that can happen to each of us today. Don't leave the Christmas Spirit to chance.



We're ringing up our good wishes ... joy plus peace plus love. The total is the best Christmas yet! We're grateful to all our patrons.

Foster's General Store & Barber Shop

(Jim and Helen's Plaza)

Hwy. 35, BOSHUNG LAKE — 489-2888

You're on our greetings list. Happy Holidays and sincere "thank you."

Management and Staff of
SID STAMP FUELS LTD.

Greetings of the Holy Season

May the many blessings of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and happiness.

Management and Staff of
FRONTIER MOTORS

GREETINGS

To all our friends and patrons we wish the Merriest Christmas ever. Your loyal support has been deeply gratifying. Have a happy holiday.

Management and Staff of
HALIBURTON MACHINE & MFG. LTD.
HALIBURTON, ONTARIO

MERRY Christmas

It brings everlasting warmth and gratitude to our hearts to share the Christmas Season with our wonderful friends.

Management and Staff of
MINDEN IGA

To wish you the *Joy* of this Holy Season. Sincere gratitude.

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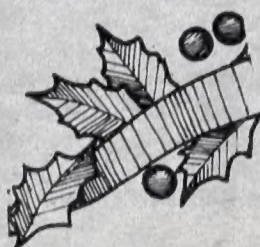
Merry Christmas

Santa's sleigh is ready to deliver our season's best wishes.

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Top left: This is a reproduction of the first commercially printed Christmas card. It was designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley for London businessman Sir Henry Cole. It was divided into three panels with the main illustration showing adults at a family party raising wine glasses in a toast. The panels on either side showed two of the oldest traditions of Christmas - feeding the hungry and clothing

the needy. The card bore the now classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You" and is now part of the Hallmark Card Museum. Top right: "Peace and joy this Christmas tide" is the message of this card, circa 1880. Bottom left and right: New Year's cards printed in Canada in the late 19th century.



Children's Holiday Project

Children can make an attractive wreath from tissue paper for a holiday project that is fun and easy. Tissue paper is available at most variety stores in many colors during the holiday season.

Cut strips of tissue paper that measure one inch wide by 7½ inches long. Fold each strip in half. Wrap the center of each strip around a wire coat hanger that has been shaped into a circle, giving the center part of the paper strip an easy twist. The major part of each strip is left open. Keep strips close to each other

on the wire frame for a full, pom-pom effect.

The wreath can be decorated with gold or silver spray paint, glitter, ornaments, pine cones or anything else that strikes your fancy. The wreath can be made in any color of tissue paper — or try using two or more colors such as purple, lavender and white for an interesting effect. The hanger part of the wreath can be wrapped in ribbon, colorful tape or left plain.

Making the wreath is a fun project for children and adults and a great way to decorate your home during the holiday season.



We wish you a **Merry Christmas**

Hope every day of the holidays is a special day for you, filled with the pleasures that make you happiest!

Add our thanks to your holiday joys.

The Management and Staff of
Easton's Red & White
MINDEN and HALIBURTON

Greetings

'Tis the season to be jolly! And we send jolly good thanks to all our friends.

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